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RE: Ref. File # J2020A

Assessment # 208535

Prop. Address: 2106 Marshall Ave, St. Paul, MN

Parcel: ID 05-28-23-11-0011

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that this assessment is illegal, and in violation of the National Emergency declaration for the pandemic by President Trump and the Governor of Minnesota, Tim Walz (Executive order # 21-2, for Social Distancing and the Stay at Home Order) which was mandated by Tim Walz on March 12, 2020. The mandate was in affect for three to four days before the city inspectors' crew of three or four men came to clean the yard at 2106 Marshall Avenue on March 23rd, ten days after the lockdown.

Access to the back yard has only a 3'x18' long path between the garage and fence. There were four to six people sent to clean the yard, were absolutely violating the Governor's mandate of minimum 6' distance which was impossible for your workers to keep.

My neighbor called me at 3:34 PM on March 23, 2020, stating "there are four to six men in my back yard, and city trucks blocking the alley. I immediately drove over to 2106 Marshall, and one half hour later I arrived and no one was there. According to my previous inspection and telling the tenants to get it cleaned up immediately. Most of the items were frozen in the ground and the city left and I cleaned out the rest as soon as I could.

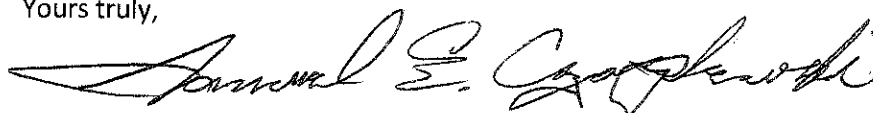
I am a 76 year old disabled veteran with health problems, and I was trying to abide by the governor's mandate. Therefore I could not hire any one for this work. I did proceed to clean up the yard by myself. I did have to wait for some thawing as much was frozen to the ground.

There were numerous huge bags of aluminum cans collected by the tenants (from San Salvador-unable to speak or read English). This was their means to help pay the rent. Needless to say, the rent was not paid the following month, due to the city confiscating their supplemental income, which caused my loss of rent. The tenants moved out and left me to clean the yard. Tenants moving and jumping out on the last month's rent due to Governor's mandate of not having to pay rent, the property was unable to be rented for the next four months. Experiencing five months of loss of rents I am having a problem paying the taxes. Especially now being unjustly and unfairly charged \$922.00 plus interest for approximately one and a half hour at best of work by the city crew. This was absolutely in violation of Governor Tim Walz's above mentioned mandates, and definitely putting my health in jeopardy. Tenant informed me his mother had passed from the virus, and did not have time to clean the yard.

Please consider this writing as my appeal to forgive this assessment of \$922.00 plus interest. I have been unsuccessful in acquiring the forms for filing my appeal on line. I have been trying to get to a library which have all been closed due to Covid-19, and finally found one open to get the forms today to appeal.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and kind consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,



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cc: St. Paul City Council, 15 West Kellogg Blvd., West Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN 55102

cc: Melvin Carter-St. Paul Mayor, 125 W. Kellogg Blvd. # 390, St. Paul, MN 55102

cc: Governor Tim Walz, 130 State Capital, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., St. Paul, 55155